

Yuma School District-1
January 21, 2019, Regular Meeting
Board of Education

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Dan Ross, President

Kim Langley, Secretary/Treasurer

Thomas Holtorf, Director

Lindsey Galles, Director

Dianna Chrisman, Superintendent

Sherry Dennis-Murphy, Business Manager

Rhonda Metcalfe, Executive Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Duane Brown

1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board President, Dan Ross called the regular meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:04 p.m. on Monday, January 21, 2019, in the Yuma School District Board Room.

*President Ross noted for the record that Vice President Brown is absent.

2.0 AGENDA-ADDITIONS/DELETIONS-APPROVAL

- No Additions or Deletions

3.0 FINANCIAL OFFICER REPORT

- Business Manager Sherry Dennis-Murphy gave financial report for the months of November and December, 2018.
 - ❖ November – Expenditures \$542,930, Revenue \$536,500, Payroll \$588,737
 - ❖ December – Expenditures \$806,112, Revenue \$476,959, Payroll \$595,138
 - ❖ Dennis-Murphy reported that some of the big bills from November included final payment to Rasmussen for HVAC work in the amount of \$55,413 and also \$1,390 for installation of units in BOCES offices at YMS; \$5,600 to Neenan Company for 20% completion of the Master Plan; and \$3,921 to Donelson for booster heater for Food Services and repairs to the steamer unit and dishwasher. The bigger bills in December were McCandless International for the bus in the amount of \$138,595; Greeley Lock and Key \$54,177 for the partial key system install; Neenan Company \$14,000 for 70% completion of the Master Plan; and Northeast Junior College for the fall college classes \$49,308. Dennis-Murphy also stated, regarding NJC, that it should be kept in mind that there will be reimbursement coming shortly – one for the fall and also one for the spring. She will report when that comes and what the amount is.
 - ❖ Donations
 - \$2,500 to YHS Science Department from Mike Sullivan, Sedgwick County Economic Development

- \$96.96 to YHS STEM Class from ACE/Quality Farm & Ranch
 - \$120 to YHS Wrestling from Seedlings Children's Apparel
 - \$200 to FFA from Syngenta
- ❖ Dennis-Murphy reported that Mr. Dischner, Athletic Director, had worked on getting sponsorships for the new scorer's table and received sponsorships in the amount of \$12,500, which covers the cost of the table with a little extra. The sponsorships are as follows: Jaden Rahm Memorial \$3,000; Korf Continental \$2,000; Bank of Colorado \$1,000; Quality Storage \$1,000; Yuma County Federal Credit Union \$1,000; West Plains \$500; Yuma Turf \$500; Mike Neill/State Farm \$1,000; Wagner Equipment \$1,000; and Yuma Boosters \$1,500.
- President Ross asked if there was going to be any reimbursement from BOCES on that part of the heating bill. Superintendent Chrisman responded that she had spoken to Mr. Miles, and yes, but we have not received all of the final bills yet in order to determine which part would be reimbursed.

Motion made by Langley, seconded by Holtorf, to accept the Financial Officer's Report as presented. Voting Aye: Galles, Holtorf, Langley, Ross. Absent: Brown. Motion carried.

4.0 CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Approval of Minutes

4.1.1 December 3, 2019 – Regular Meeting

4.2 Routine Business

4.2.1 Financial Reports as of November 30, 2018

4.2.2 November 2018 Check Register

4.2.3 Financial Reports as of December 31, 2018

4.2.4 December 2018 Check Register

4.2.5 Donations

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4.3 Personnel

4.3.1 Recommendations

ENCLOSURE

- ❖ Lorrie Shepard - Custodian
- ❖ CJ Leonhardt – YHS & YMS Volunteer Wrestling Coach
- ❖ Kristin Metcalfe – YHS Assistant Track Coach

4.3.2 Separations and Resignations

- ❖ Marla Holcomb - Custodian
- ❖ Victoria Himes – Custodian
- ❖ Denise Rico – ESL Para

Motion by Holtorf, seconded by Galles to approve Consent Agenda as presented.
Voting Aye: Galles, Holtorf, Langley, Ross. Absent: Brown. Motion carried.

5.0 VISITORS COMMENTS/REQUESTS

- None

6.0 SCHEDULED AUDIENCE WITH BOARD

- None

7.0 CORRESPONDANCE

- President Ross reported there were several thank you notes from staff members thanking the board for the Christmas bonuses. Ross expressed appreciation on receiving these thank you notes from staff members.

8.0 DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- 8.1 Executive Session called at 7:12 p.m. by President Ross for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter involving Superintendent evaluation pursuant to C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(f).

Motion by Langley, seconded by Galles, to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter involving Superintendent Contract pursuant to C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(f).

Voting Aye: Galles, Holtorf, Langley, Ross. Absent: Brown. Motion carried.

- Brought into Executive Session at 7:14 p.m. by President Ross. Those present on the outset of Executive Session are Dan Ross, Kim Langley, Thomas Holtorf, Lindsey Galles, Superintendent Dianna Chrisman and Executive Secretary Rhonda Metcalfe for the purpose of the Superintendent's contract.
- Executive Session adjourned at 7:45 p.m. by President Ross, continued the general session.

8.2 Approval of Superintendent Contract

President Ross moved to approve the superintendent's contract extending to June of 2021. Seconded by Langley.

Voting Aye: Galles, Holtorf, Langley, Ross. Absent: Brown. Motion carried.

8.3 Board Appreciation Month

- Superintendent Chrisman reported that January is School Board Appreciation Month and she read a School Board Appreciation Month Proclamation and expressed her appreciation to the YSD-1 Board of Education for their hours spent in reviewing policies, budgets, and fielding community input.

9.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- ❖ The draft of the Master Plan has been received. Superintendent Chrisman will check the narratives and look at the overall pieces of that and bring it to February meeting for final approval. Everything is right on track with the conversations that have been had.
- ❖ The building key access system is now officially up and running. There was a small glitch in the Wi-Fi and Brandi Clarkson had been working to figure that out but was unable to. The company then came out and went through it, got everything working and it has now been working without issue for the last couple of days so it is ready for the district to move forward with this. At the next inservice day, Feb 1st, it is hoped that it can be launched at that point. There will be a meeting with the building principals this week to set schedules of when the keys will allow access and when they won't, as that will be decided as an administrative team.
- ❖ The heat issue at the high school in the band, art, and english room that was formerly the choir room, has been addressed at this point. There was a motor that went out on the units. The units are outdated to the point you cannot buy them anymore but a couple of potential parts were brought and one of them worked. In the meantime something else blew out but they have now got that fixed and hoping it stays that way. The company that was brought out from Denver for temporary heat is a nice option to have for when we don't have heat. They are not cheap but at least the district is able to provide heat. This information was shared with the latest breakdown with the Neenan group so it can be addressed in the Master Plan and also in the BEST Grant.
- ❖ There is a need to update the fire panels. Right now they are old systems that run, which is the only reason the district is keeping Century Link, the district has dual Wi-Fi or phone line systems right now costing the district about \$2,000 a month. If we upgrade the panels now the cost of the 3 panels are roughly \$7,300-\$7,400. The sooner this is done the sooner the district can start saving the Century Link monthly amount. Those updates have been approved and should be coming soon.
- ❖ Illness concerns. The district experienced a little bit of an outbreak last week. Superintendent Chrisman thought it might be helpful to address some of the questions that kept coming up, i.e., when do we close school for illness? There is no magic number or no magic process. It more comes down to, can we safely staff the building. Superintendent Chrisman reported that she did have some conversations with the Health Department. At no time did they ask the district nor recommend that school be closed. The Health Department verified that the things the district was doing promoting hand washing, proper coughing and sneezing into the arm and not the hands, and that anyone who was symptomatic or feverish went home immediately. We did not have attendance policies for the high risk kids that chose to be gone as a preventative measures and no policies that were

counterproductive on that. The Health Department again confirmed that everything the district was doing would be their recommendations. It does then just become about staffing, and we had plenty of staff at that point and time. That can change if another round comes around and the kids are fine but the staff are not. Time will tell. So again, Superintendent Chrisman reiterated that there is no set number and it was in the district's favor that there was already no school on the calendar for Friday. It may have been a different story if the district had not had that day off from school. The peak was Wednesday and did go down Thursday for sick kids. Total numbers held the same between Wednesday and Thursday because there were quite a few who opted to keep their students home as a preventative measure, which is completely fine. Today the numbers are much improved, almost back to the normal range. There was a little more staff out. The Dean was an English teacher today to make sure we could cover and that is what we do. At this point, she is hoping the district is through the worst of it. Superintendent Chrisman said there is no set policy, nor has she ever seen one or heard of one but it is really on a case by case basis.

- ❖ There have been some conversations about the lighting across the district. The district has been working with Charlie Devlin. The district got an estimate of what it would take to update all of the lights that are not working with the equipment and with installation. The district would be looking at under \$20,000 total, which is less than what Superintendent Chrisman had thought. She will work with Mr. Neb and start working on that list with the highest needs area first. There was a consultant who came through that Trevor spoke with and there are some reimbursement type grants that the City helps administer for putting in the LED lights. Shop-All was able to get some reimbursement for installing LED lights in their store through these grants. Looking at the work that has already been done, because we have started replacing the bulbs district wide and then looking at these needs we would want to see what grants they would fall under and hopefully get some back from those grants. She will keep the board posted on this.
- ❖ It is legislative season and we have had a change in the Governor. Superintendent Chrisman had a State Superintendent's meeting that she went to Tuesday of last week. They talked about the full day Kindergarten movement, which seemed like something that may go through. For the district that would mean about \$260,000-\$270,000 in new money as we are already providing full day Kindergarten. The residential assessment rates did not drop as much as what they thought so there is more money than what they anticipated. The rate was projected to go down to 6.1 and it stayed about 6.5, approximately, so there is some revenue there. There is some conversation that the state will buy down another approximate 50,000,000 off the negative factor and still honor the Amendment 23 amounts and continue the small rurals. There is some potential that the district may have a little more revenue than what there has been in the past. The goals typically are to make sure that the district has the staffing and health benefits covered with new money. From there, the district looks at capital, curriculum, and the other pieces. Those conversations will happen once the district gets more guidance. There is one bill that Superintendent Chrisman is watching closely that could have an impact on the district's staff and it is the Mandated Family Leave. This would cause a fee for all

employees, almost like PERA, where there is an employee amount and an employer amount. This money would go into a pool and if someone had a maternity leave they could apply to this. It would not be a dollar for dollar amount on their salary but it would be a percentage of their income. She is watching this one because any new fees for the district as an employer can take up any new money pretty quickly.

President Ross asked if an employee chose to put money in it would not be across the board? Superintendent Chrisman replied she has not gotten a clear answer on that, if it is an opt-in or for everybody. From the way it sounds she believes it is everybody. She reported there was some conversation that they thought there was a provision that if you were a small employer of under like 10 employees that you might be able to opt out of it but then employees wouldn't get those benefits either.

Galles stated there is a lot of push for this. Langley agreed. Superintendent Chrisman stated that she is not clear of the cost to benefit value that she is seeing, as most people cannot afford to get paid half the time. She reports she is watching it closely.

10.0 BOARD REPORTS/COMMENTS

- ❖ Galles stated that Touch of Class was very nice. President Ross agreed saying he thought it was awesome.
- ❖ President Ross congratulated all the athletic teams on the success they are seeing.
- ❖ President Ross also expressed his enjoyment of watching the kids in the play performed over the weekend. The students did a great job.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m. by President Dan Ross.

Motion by Holtorf, seconded by Galles to adjourn the meeting.

Voting Aye: Galles, Holtorf, Langley, Ross. Absent: Brown. Motion carried.

Sincerely,



Kim Langley, Secretary/Treasurer
Yuma School District-1
Board of Education



Dan Ross, President
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